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SUBJECT: UNION ELECTION

1. DURING THE FINAL DAY OF ITS RECORD 17 DAY CONGRESS, AND ITS MOST RANCOROUS WITHIN RECENT MEMORY, THE DELEGATES OF SITRATERCO (UNION OF WORKERS OF THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY) UNANIMOUSLY REELECTED UNION PRESIDENT OSCAR GALE VALELA TO HIS TWELFTH TERM.

2. ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN SOME UNCERTAINTY AS TO THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION AND OF THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN GALE'S DEMOCRATIC FORCES AND OTHER ELEMENTS WITHIN THE UNION, A REACTION TO A TERRORIST BOMBING ATTACK (WITHOUT SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES) DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF AUG. 24 MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE EFFORT WHICH RESULTED IN A COMPLETE VICTORY FOR GALE AND THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES.

3. THE NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNION IS COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF DEMOCRATICALLY ORIENTED UNIONISTS. THE BOARD'S NEW COMPOSITION IS:

PRESIDENT - OSCAR GALE V. (REELECTED)

SECRETARY GENERAL - OBDULIO CACERES (REELECTED)

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SECRETARY OF ORGANIZATION - RICARDO MEDINA P.

(ONE OF THE TARGETS OF THE BOMBING INCIDENT)
GRIEVANCE SECRETARY - FAUSTINO CABELLERO
FINANCE SECRETARY - FELIPE SANDERS
(PROMOTED FROM RECORDING SECRETARY)
RECORDING SECRETARY - EDILBERTO MARTINEZ.
SANCHEZ

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